



Minnie Driver gives birth to a boy

Worker dies after Monday accident

FATALITY The 34-year-old worker who was hit by a concrete wall in Burnside on Monday died yesterday in hospital.

The Windsor man was working for Tiltpro Contracting at a Wilkinson Avenue construction site at 11:20 a.m. Monday when a cement truck knocked over the concrete wall that landed on him. He had "severe" injuries to his lower extremities, said Halifax Regional Police Const. Jeff Carr.

The man's name won't be released on his family's wishes.

Investigators with the provincial Labour and Workforce Development department are investigating the incident, but spokeswoman Chrissy Matheson said it could take weeks, or months, before they determine what happened and whether any regulations were violated.

"We can't determine at this point what charges will be laid, if any," Matheson said.

She said the fact the worker has died doesn't change the investigation. If the investigation finds the employer to be at fault, charges would be laid under the provincial Occupational Health and Safety Act.

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"If Ms. May endorses Stéphane Dion for prime minister, she can't be in this debate."

Ian Capstick

some kind of broad coalition with the Liberals is nonsense," said May.

"We're running in 306 ridings across Canada where we are trying to defeat Liberals and Liberals are trying to defeat Greens."

May said she wanted to use the debates as a way to tell people more about the Green party's platforms other than the environment — such as fiscal responsibility and tax reform.

But an NDP spokesman told Metro News that May should not be allowed in the debates because of her comments supporting the Liberals — period.

"If Ms. May endorses Stéphane Dion for prime minister, she can't be in this debate," said press secretary Ian Capstick. "Her position will be represented in the debate. Sure, if Dion wants to give up his spot for his deputy leader or his coalition partner Ms. May, no problem. We'll take her in the debate."

Capstick said May wouldn't bring anything to the debate because the Green party is a single-issue party. When told of May's earlier comment about wanting to talk about various issues, he only repeated his statement:

"The Green Party is a single-issue party."

Conservatives and NDP standing in May's way

Green party leader will keep fighting for spot in leaders' debate

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Election 2008

The Green party is still fighting to get into the leaders' debates, but the Conservatives and NDP stand in their way.

May was shut out of the debates by a consortium of TV broadcasters who said other party leaders refused to participate of Green Party leader Elizabeth May was allowed to speak.

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion has called for May to be allowed in and Bloc

"The idea that there's

Tory policy wonk set to battle Casey

Election 2008

CONSERVATIVES The Conservatives have parachuted a policy adviser into Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley to run against popular Independent Bill Casey.

Joel Bernard, 44, of Orleans, Ont., was the MLA for a northern New Brunswick riding, including Bathurst, in premier Bernard Lord's Conservative government from 1999 to 2003.

He ran in the Ottawa-Ottawa riding in the last federal election, but lost to the Liberal candidate.

He was a senior policy adviser in federal public safety office in Ottawa.

THE TRURO DAILY NEWS

Fan fare Norton hears a 'whoo'



Actor Edward Norton signs autographs as he attends the Pride and Glory film gala during the 33rd Toronto International Film Festival yesterday. The New York cop drama also stars Colin Farrell, Jon Voight and Noah Emmerich.

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Students in town to learn about democracy

Over 100 visiting students are spending this week in Halifax to learn about democracy, history and politics. All the learning fun is a joint venture between Historica and Democracy 250. **METRO HALIFAX**

Local



Down with bullying

Pink is the hot colour in schools this year — even Premier Rodney MacDonald is getting in on it. He'll announce a new awards program for students on Stand Up Against Bullying Day tomorrow. Pink t-shirts are the anti-bullying fashion after two teens began wearing them to support a bullied classmate.

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Seinfeld brings the laughs

Comedian headlines fundraiser for QEII Health Sciences Centre

PHILIP CROUCHER
for Metro Halifax



"I don't believe it. How do you take the excitement of living here all the time. When that cannon goes off at noon, what a trip."
Jerry Seinfeld

It didn't take comedic legend Jerry Seinfeld very long to send the Halifax crowd into a fit of uncontrollable laughter last night. About five seconds, to be exact.

"Oh my God. I don't believe it. How do you take the excitement of living here all the time," said Seinfeld, just after he strolled onto the Cunard Centre stage, sporting a dark suit with purple tie. "When that cannon goes off at noon, what a trip."

Seinfeld was in town to headline Comedy Cures, a fundraiser for the expansion of the QEII Health Sciences Centre's emergency department. And like on his famous TV show named after him, Seinfeld showcased a brand of observational comedy that left the packed crowd of about 1,500 in the palm of his hand, and wanting more and more.

It was a wide variety of topics he made fun of, too. From cell phones to e-mail, to the stupidity of long-range weather forecasts and the need for brakes on aid walkers.

"If you need brakes on your walker, perhaps you've been mis-diagnosed," Seinfeld pondered, with his trademark inquisitive look that would draw laughs from the crowd on its very own. "What kind of speed do these get up to. Do we have to slow them down on the curves so they can blast down the straight-



Halifax's Marty Burt performs with two New York showgirls during the pre-party for the Comedy Cures event featuring Jerry Seinfeld last night at the Cunard Centre.

aways."

Seinfeld even delved into his personal life, talking about his 89-year-old mother, and of getting married, which for him,

came late at the age of 45. "I had some issues," he said, "of which I was enjoying."

Seinfeld spoke for over an hour and genuinely

seemed to be enjoying himself throughout his time on stage. He gave the crowd exactly what they wanted too — laughs, laughs and more laughs.

Ex-board members target council seats

ELECTION Two fired Halifax Regional School Board members are taking a shot at seats on city council. Former board member Bridget Ann Boutilier has declared she is running against Eastern Shore-Musquodoboit Valley Coun. Steve Streach. Outspoken former board member Deborah Brunt is challenging Spryfield-Herring Cove Coun. Steve Adams.

METRO HALIFAX

News in brief

WHarf The Margaretsville Wharf Society will be looking for government help to cover the estimated \$76,000 cost of repairing the local wharf, which was damaged in late August when timbers that had rotted out gave way after heavy rains.

HOMES After the W.M. Fares Group announced that it would give away three South

Park Street homes instead of demolishing them to make room for a 19-storey condominium tower, it was flooded with calls. The developer is evaluating applications against internal criteria.

MAYOR Jerry Hallee, who has been mayor of the Town of Amherst since 1997, has decided not to seek re-election this fall.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Judge refuses to allow Race to defend himself

COURT Glen Race's second day of trial was briefly delayed yesterday morning as the accused killer unsuccessfully tried to get his attorney pulled from the case.

The 27-year-old Nova Scotia man told his lawyer, Mark McCormick, that he wanted to represent himself. Judge Kevin Ryan dismissed the request.



Race, who is accused of killing Dar-
cy Manor, 35, at a rural Mooers camp last year, rarely looked at photographs of Manor's body and the area where the volunteer firefighter was killed.

Race is also accused of killing Trevor Brewster and Michael Paul Knott in May 2007, before Manor was killed. He will not face trial

in Halifax until his U.S. murder charge is dealt with.

Before the court emptied for a midday break, Clinton County District Attorney Andrew Wylie had just finished questioning his eighth witness, who was one of first troopers to respond to the private Drown Road camp early on May 11, 2007.

State Police Troopers Alan Barnaby and Ryan Fountain arrived at Manor's camp May 11, 2007 on an unrelated call, found Manor's shaken friends and were told the 35-year-old father of two had been mauled by an animal.

Fountain said as soon as he saw the green maple-syrup tubing wrapped

around Manor's body, he knew there was foul play.

"That was the first thing that really got my attention," he testified yesterday.

As daylight broke, officials documented several "skid marks" in the vicinity of Manor's body and pieces of shattered glass that littered the ground beneath a broken window at the camp.

They also noted an all-terrain vehicle parked in a nearby shed and found a lone cigarette butt in the driveway.

Wylie's opening statement alleges that Race broke into the camp, stole a rifle, ran into Manor outside, shot him and then tied him to the back of an ATV and dragged him into the woods to hide his body.

THE PLATTSBURGH PRESS REPUBLICAN

Cruise ships to bypass some cities

Tourism Sydney and Charlottetown have lost out on thousands of cruise-ship passengers for next year after Royal Caribbean announced it wouldn't be returning, but the Port of Halifax says it's not concerned cruise lines will stop calling at this city.

Cathy McGrail, manager of cruise development for the Halifax Port Authority, said the 2008 year was a record-breaker for cruise traffic, with 220,000 passengers and 130 vessels calling at the port. She said it's too early to tell how 2009 will be, but they're not expecting any cancellations.

"Halifax is a marquee port within the Atlantic Canada region. 2009 appears to be very strong," McGrail said.

She said most of Halifax's cruise traffic comes from New England cruises, with passengers coming from New York, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. A small percentage of traffic is trans-Atlantic.

Royal Caribbean pulled out of the two smaller ports in an attempt to reduce fuel costs. The move will cost Sydney about \$90,000 in passenger taxes.

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News in brief

AIR SHOW The Nova Scotia International Air Show lost tens of thousands of dollars as a result of tropical storm Hanna. Heavy rain and high winds forced organizations to cancel the events on the air show's last day, Sunday, Sept. 7, while Saturday night aerial displays were cut short as a result of the bad weather.



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Swim at your own risk at Settle or Cranberry lakes. The city says water samples taken from those two lakes, along with the outlet of Loon Lake, showed high fecal coliform bacteria counts. They're not supervised swimming locations. METRO HALIFAX

Handing a blow to polio

Activist makes Halifax stop on cross-Canada hand-cycle to fight disease

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One man just wheeled into Halifax in a cross-Canada tour to help make Polio the world's second disease totally eradicated by mankind.

Ramesh Ferris is himself a survivor of the viral disease that attacks the muscle and nerve tissue. He became infected as a young child growing up in India. His parents, unable to afford treatment or braces, gave him up for adoption.

That's how Ferris came to Canada, the Yukon specifically, at age two.

"I contracted a disease 25 years after the world had better than a cure — a prevention," he said.

With access to Canadian health care, Ferris was able to walk with a brace by the age of three and a half.

Now Ferris is in Halifax after hand-cycling all the way from Victoria, B.C., since April. When he finish-



"I contracted the disease 25 years after the world had better than a cure — a prevention."

Ramesh Ferris, polio activist

ly contagious and still a problem in four countries: India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

Ferris has the goal of raising \$1 million for his Cycle to Walk charity (www.cycletowalk.com). The proceeds go to Rotary International and the World Health Organization to fight the disease internationally.

Ferris took on the cause after travelling to India and seeing the crippling effects of the disease.

"We're 99 per cent there," said Ferris. "Polio is still an issue in Canada and throughout the world as long as there's a single case left."

Polio survivor Ramesh Ferris hand-cycles through parade square yesterday. Ferris is cycling 7,200 kilometres from Victoria, B.C., to Cape Spear, N.L., to help make polio the second disease wiped out by man. Donations can be made at www.cycletowalk.com.

es his journey in Cape Spear, N.L., he'll have hand-cycled 7,200 kilometres.

"I always focused on the positives in life," he said. "I

focused on the things I could do, rather than what I couldn't do."

Polio is on the brink of being the second disease in

history wiped out by man. The first was Smallpox in 1979. Polio has no cure but there is an immunization vaccine. The disease is high-

News in brief

BUST Police are advising marijuana farmers to check their crops since they might find them missing. Yesterday during Operation Green Sweep, police took down 120 marijuana plants growing in the woods in the Sambro and Hubbards area. Police partnered with the Coast Guard to use aircraft surveillance. The street value of the plants runs at \$120,000. No arrests have been made, but police say the owners are welcome to come forward to report their missing crops.

INJURY A woman fell off the back of a motorcycle Monday night around 9 p.m. She was travelling on Kearney Lake Road near Highway 102. She was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The driver was charged with several offences, including driving while suspended.

COLLISION A vehicle lost control and hit a fire hydrant Monday night. At around 7:30 p.m., the car struck a fire hydrant on Roleika Drive in Dartmouth and flipped onto its roof. The three people inside got out and ran off. Police say the vehicle was extensively damaged and they don't know if any of the occupants were injured.

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Nova Scotia wine drunk on praise

Benjamin Bridge's NOVA 7, made in the Gaspereau Valley, sold out in less than a month when it was released this summer. **METRO HALIFAX**



HRM Council listens last night as Luc Ouellet goes over the application Armour Group Limited is proposing to redevelop heritage properties on Upper Water Street.

Water Street wrangle

Community members opine on controversial project

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More than a few people — 65 in fact — want to have their say about a controversial proposed office building in Halifax.

They packed into city council chambers last night, but only some of them had time to tell council what they thought of the idea of putting a glass office building on top of four heritage properties on Upper Water Street. The rest will get their chance next week.

Walter Nolan urged council to keep the historic character of Halifax.

"I don't think you really appreciate the value of heritage in Nova Scotia," said the former alderman. "This is not New York, it was never meant to be."

A Historic Properties shop owner said they would deeply appreciate

400 new customers the nine-storey office building would provide, especially since tourism is down.

Brad Smith with the Greater Halifax Partnership said projects like this Waterside Centre are crucial for the economic health of not just Halifax,

but the entire region. "Halifax needs to show leadership and show we're open for business," he said. "We need to protect and honour our heritage, not be bound by it."

The facades of the heritage buildings would stay intact, but they would be mostly gutted inside. The more modern building housing Sweet Basil restaurant will be torn down.

The 1920s-era Imperial Oil building might need to be demolished if the sup-

ports are found to be unsalvageable, but it will be rebuilt as a replication.

The walkway many people use as a shortcut was on downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane's mind.

"It's been used for decades and the public feels it's their right to walk through there," she said.

If the proposal goes ahead, that walk-through space will only be open during business hours.

Armour (Ben) McCrea, chairman of Armour Group, defended his proposal last night. He said he's spending an extra \$1.6-million in construction costs because of the heritage buildings. It's an investment in a unique project in Halifax, which needs quality office space, he said.

Powering down wind farm support

WIND POWER Some initial supporters of a proposed wind-hydro farm may be backing away from the project and changes made to the land use bylaw at the committee and council level in Cape Breton Regional Municipality.



Several of the municipal candidates "pledged to try and reverse the decision of CBRM" that allowed for the rezoning of land around Lake Uist, Richmond County Coun. Clair Rankin said. **METRO HALIFAX**

Soup kitchen with a view

LOCAL POLITICS Feeding Others of Dartmouth Society bought a lot on Ochterloney Street in Dartmouth at city council last night.

The charity feeds the homeless in their Wentworth Street building, but it doesn't have a driveway to accept donations and nowhere for people to wait for a meal.

They want to develop the empty lot on Ochterloney, which neighbours their property.

It was the former site of a duplex owned by the Canadian Mental Health Association, demolished last year.

"There are concerns the clients congregate on Ochterloney while waiting

for service," said Peta Jane Temple with the HRM Grants Program.

But, with the extra room the charity can build a garden and a gazebo where their clients can wait, she said. It will also be a spot where they can grow vegetables and perhaps have a barbecue.

"We're hoping to make a more amenable, enjoyable experience for them," said Doug Livingstone with the Feeding Others of Dartmouth Society.

He said they have the money in the bank to pay the \$37,079.30, plus the cost of construction, so they can get started right away.

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Age discrimination case goes to board

Cape Breton teacher, forced to retire at 65, not giving up wrongful dismissal fight

An independent human rights board of inquiry will consider a complaint of age discrimination related to mandatory retirement at a hearing beginning today.

William Talbot filed the complaint against the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 759, alleging that in 2004 he was discriminated against on the basis of his age when

he was required to retire from his job at age 65.

A complaint is referred to an independent board of inquiry when the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission believes that, on first appearance, a case of discrimination is made after an investigation by a human rights officer.

The decision is then in the hands of the independent board.

The independent board

Board may decide remedy

- The board of inquiry will decide what kind of remedy is available to Robert Theriault if the

Conseil scolaire acadien provincial is not able to reach an agreement with him.

will be chaired by Cynthia Chewter and begins today.

The hearing is scheduled to run two days.

In a recent decision, a board of inquiry found

that the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP), the province's Acadian school board, violated the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act when it forced one of its managers to re-

tire.

Robert Theriault of Meteghan filed a complaint with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission alleging the school board discriminated against him when it required him to retire after reaching the age of 65 in April 2005.

In his decision, board of inquiry chair Donald Murray did not accept the school board's argument that it followed a practice

of mandatory retirement consistent with the exemption for legitimate mandatory retirement schemes, programs or practices in section 6 of the Human Rights Act.

The existence of mandatory retirement plans for other groups of unionized employees did not affect Theriault's situation as a non-unionized employee, according to the board of inquiry.

THE CAPE BRETON POST

Search for a stolen banjo

CHEZZETCOOK Crime Stoppers is asking for the public's help in solving the following crime.

A banjo was stolen during a robbery at Head of Chezzetcook, N.S., sometime between Monday, Nov. 11, 2007, and Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007.

The banjo is a Stelling, Red Fox Banjo, made and purchased in 1997. The replacement value of the banjo is approximately \$6,000.

The banjo has sustained normal wear and tear and was refurbished in June

2007. The banjo is a curly maple colour and it has an inlaid mother-of-pearl maple leaf between several frets, and an inlaid mother-of-pearl fox head on the head stock.

The banjo case was also stolen, which is a black, vinyl-covered plywood case with some tears and the word Stelling in gold letters

on the top of the case.

Also stolen were a tuner, valued at \$50, and a set of Keith tuners, valued at \$50.

Anyone with information on this crime is asked to call Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca

If your tip leads to an arrest you could qualify for a cash award between \$50 and \$2,000.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Blindness Atlantic Film Fest opener



Danny Glover stars as the narrator in *Blindness*, the film set to open the Atlantic Film Festival tomorrow. Also starring in the film shot in Guelph, Ont., are Julianne Moore and Mark Ruffalo. Fernando Meirelles directed the film about a disease that causes people to lose their sight.

Cape Breton school lacking seats

SYDNEY Without enough desks to go around, students in two French immersion classes at a junior high here have had to rotate who gets a seat at 20-minute intervals since school started last week.

Parent Darlene LeBlanc said she's concerned about the toll the practice is taking on the students' ability to learn at Whitney Pier Memorial Junior High. She's particularly concerned about her 14-year-old son, Daniel, who has mild to moderate hearing loss in both ears and wears a hearing aid.

"We've been short a few seats, it's kind of large classes, that's all."

Ken Graham

"He was out in the hallway. It was too hot (in class) the other day, well, what is he going to learn?" she asked, noting one of the classes has 39 students, while the second has 40.

"My son has a hearing impairment, technically (he) should be close to the

teacher at all times, but because of this, he wouldn't want to stand out so he just follows the trend of standing."

LeBlanc said she was told by school officials it didn't lose any students from its three Grade 8 French immersion classes in the transition to Grade 9, yet the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board allocated only two teachers at the Grade 9 level.

LeBlanc said the conditions wouldn't be conducive to students learning in their first language, and studying in French presents an added challenge.

"How much are you going to learn if in 20 minutes the teacher is telling you, 'Rotate seats now, give somebody else a chance to sit?'" LeBlanc asked.

Principal Ken Graham said it should be resolved soon. "We've been short a few seats, it's kind of large classes, that's all," he said.

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Environment 'bogus' issue: Prof

Says that as with health care, public not ready to pay price for solution

NEIL MACKINNON
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Environmental stewardship has become the new health care on this season's federal election catwalks.

University of Calgary political scientist Barry Cooper said the two have a lot in common, as their symbolic nature leave no realistic hope for solutions, tugging at the heartstrings of the populace

while over-riding the perceived reality of the situation.

"The environment is about as bogus as health care," Cooper said, noting the power of a 20-year Liberal public relations campaign framing the Medicare issue as intrinsic to who we are has worn off, and the environment issue comes down to who can scream their green virtues louder.

"People get very excited but it's certainly not prac-

"The environment is about as bogus as health care. People get very excited but it's certainly not practical."

U of Calgary political scientist Barry Cooper

tical."

Cooper said society knows the solutions but just doesn't want to face them, citing deleterious economic effects from environmental action and privatizing health care, a possibility he says won't arise for two more elec-

tions.

Calgary and Area Physicians Association past-president Dr. Glenn Comm believes health care has fallen off the radar because previous governments lost their moral authority to talk about it through repeti-

tive inaction.

"Everybody knows it's a problem and I guess it has just reached the point where it's no longer news," Comm said.

It's unfortunate the two issues are being viewed as mutually exclusive, said Health Sciences Association of Alberta president Elisabeth Ballermann, who views both as intimately intertwined.

"I'd hate to see a government who's a one-trick pony," she said.

NDP

Workers claim they were duped

MEETING Desperate laid-off forestry workers said they were tricked into attending NDP Leader Jack Layton's town hall meeting yesterday in Thunder Bay, Ont.

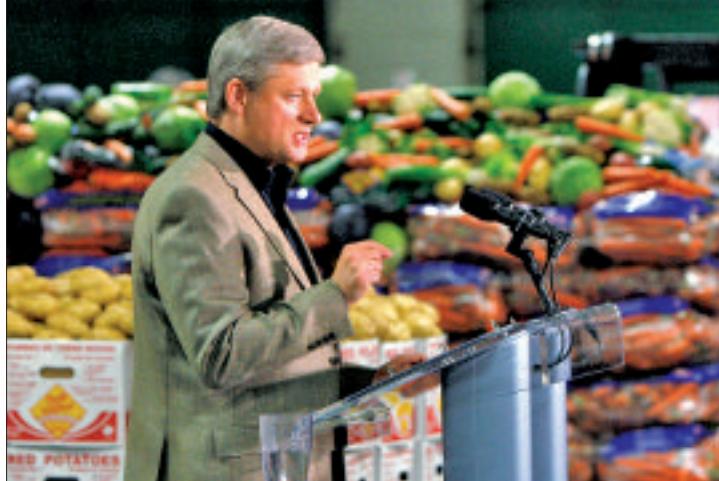
At least five members of the Canadian Energy and Paper Workers union told reporters they were told it was going to be a meeting about benefits.

"I got an e-mail from the union thinking it was a union meeting on severance and EI (Employment Insurance) benefits. When I seen the bus out front I knew there was a politician," said a man who refused to give his name.

However, Allan Pert, a life-long resident of Thunder Bay and laid-off sawmill worker, confirmed he received the same e-mail, which actually came from the CEP action centre, not the local union.

Besides this, Layton was also called on what appeared to be planted questions from the crowd of more than 100 supporters.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks during a campaign stop yesterday at a vegetable warehouse in Winnipeg.

Rooting out the important issues

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, often criticized for being wooden and humourless, sidestepped what could have been a prickly political question yesterday at an election whistle stop at a vegetable warehouse.

"If you were a vegetable, what type of vegetable

would you be?" a local television reporter asked Harper amid hoots of laughter from other reporters and Conservative Party officials.

Harper appeared to gaze at the neatly piled cabbages, cauliflower and potatoes behind him as he searched for a reply.

"You know, I really don't

know how to answer that question. I've never been asked that question before, and I have a feeling that I can't win by answering it," he said.

"Let me say this. I would choose, if I had to, instead to be a fruit. Just what I am: Sweet and colourful."

REUTERS

Spending

Ont. mayor blasts Harper, Dion

CITIES Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion rolled into Toronto yesterday looking to woo urban voters — and got a blast from Mississauga, Ont., Mayor Hazel McCallion demanding that Ottawa do more to help Canada's cities.

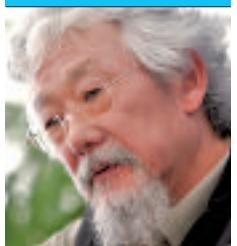
McCallion laid out a chilly welcome mat for the two leaders, telling a Mississauga Board of Trade luncheon that the cash being spent on the election triggered by the Conservatives — some \$297 million — should have been pumped into municipal infrastructure.

Stressing she's non-partisan, McCallion lambasted successive federal governments — Liberal and Conservative — for the fact that Ontario "has been discriminated against for many years."

"There must be change," said McCallion. "Are we going to stand up and make that happen?"

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Issues



David Suzuki

Environment, economy linked

DEBATE Just days into the election campaign, the climate change debate is veering onto the wrong track with suggestions that taking care of the environment could hurt the economy, says David Suzuki. "Let's hope that the economy versus the environment (debate) will not continue, it's not either/or — without the environment there is no economy," Canada's most prominent environmentalist said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

CONCEPT The Liberals' Green Shift environmental plan has often been criticized as too complicated to sell to the public. So Stéphane Dion says he wants to simplify the concept, which is to raise taxes sharply on polluting activities and transfer the money back to Canadians in the form of lower personal and corporate income taxes. "It's very simple: I will give you the Liberal plan in six words," Dion now says. "Cut Income Taxes. Shift To Pollution."

WORDS The Gaelic translation of "Vote Green Party" according to Elizabeth May's brother, is "Vó-tadh Partaideh Uaine." May says "partaideh" is derived from the English word for party but spelled and pronounced differently.

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Iraq war allies to drop as 8,000 U.S. troops withdraw

The number of U.S. allies involved in the Iraq war will be reduced to just a "handful" before the end of the year, a senior Bush administration official said yesterday. President Bush formally presented a plan to cut U.S. force levels in Iraq only modestly over the rest of his term, pulling 8,000 troops out by February. **REUTERS**

World/Business

McCain, Palin swaying white women?

U.S. presidential candidate Barack Obama brushed aside a survey released yesterday that showed him losing support among white women voters to John McCain since Sarah Palin was named as his running mate.

A Washington Post/ABC News survey found most of McCain's surge in the polls since the Republican convention was due to a big shift in support among

white women voters.

"The notion that people are swinging back and forth in the span of a few weeks or a few days this wildly generally isn't borne out," Obama said.

The poll found the race for the White House is a virtual tie, with Obama at 47 per cent support of registered voters and McCain at 46 per cent.

Before the Democratic convention in late August,

"There is no doubt that Governor Palin attracted a lot of attention this week."

Barack Obama

Obama held an 8 percentage point lead among white women voters.

But after the Republican convention, McCain was ahead by 12 points among white women, 53 per cent

to 41 per cent.

"There is no doubt that Governor Palin attracted a lot of attention this week," Obama said.

"It has brought excitement to the Republican Party. What we're going to have to do is to see how things settle out over the next few weeks when people start examining who's actually going to deliver on the issues that people care about."

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Ike may miss Gulf oilfields

STORM Hurricane Ike moved into the Gulf of Mexico yesterday after causing as much as \$4 million in damage in Cuba over the weekend.

Oil producers have been fearful that Ike, now a Category 1 storm with 120

km/h winds, would strike Gulf rigs, but the storm's current path appears to be heading away.

Forecasters said Ike would likely regain power in the Gulf, possibly becoming a major storm again.

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News in brief

THAILAND Beleaguered Thai Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej's passion for food has briefly forced him out of power. The politician, recently plagued by street protests, disloyal staff and hostile me-

dia, ran afoul of the constitution by hosting his own TV cooking shows while in office, a top court ruled yesterday. Sundaravej's party vowed to restore him to power in a parliamentary vote.

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Nations back Obama: Poll

ELECTION Barack Obama may be struggling to nudge ahead of John McCain in polls at home, but people around the world want him in the White House, a BBC poll says.

All 22 countries in the poll would prefer to see Obama elected ahead of McCain. And in 17 of the 22 nations, people expect relations between the U.S. and the rest of the world to improve if Obama wins.

More than 22,000 people were questioned by pollster GlobeScan in countries across Africa, Europe and South America.

World's '04 vote

• A similar poll conducted for the 2004 U.S. election found that 30 out of 35 countries would have preferred to see Democrat John Kerry, rather than George Bush, elected president.

The margin in favour of Obama ranged from 9 per cent in India to 82 per cent in Kenya, while an average of 49 per cent preferred Obama compared with 12 per cent for McCain. Some four in 10 did not take a view.

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Housing Corp. said.

The bulk of the gain, which topped the consensus expectation for 195,000 starts, was in Ontario, where there was an 81 per cent jump.

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Housing starts down:

Residential construction activity in Nova Scotia slowed last month, according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. In Nova Scotia's urban areas with a population over 10,000, there were 192 total housing starts last month, compared with 433 in August 2007.

Moratorium being looked at: The Georges Bank moratorium on oil and gas exploration is being looked at by the Nova Scotia Department of Energy to determine whether it will be lifted, extended or require a full review. The provincial and federal governments have until June 1, 2010 to decide whether another panel review process is warranted.

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Housing market rebounds

Canadian housing starts rebounded in August, beating expectations, but some economists cautioned against reading too much into the number since it followed a weak

CAW moves to unionize WestJet

AIRLINE The Canadian Auto Workers union said yesterday it has begun preliminary talks to unionize employees at WestJet Airlines Ltd., which has attributed a big part of its success to a non-union workforce.

The union kicked off its efforts following inquiries from a number of WestJet employees.

It follows a handful of failed attempts by other unions in past years to organize Calgary-based WestJet, which has 7,300 employees.

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Guatemala 'I have dignity'



A Guatemalan woman protests against "femicide," the systematic killing of women, in Guatemala City yesterday. Police say 438 women have been murdered so far this year.

Russia sending warship on Caribbean exercise

MOSCOW Russia said on Monday it would send a heavily-armed nuclear-powered cruiser, among other ships, to the Caribbean for a joint naval exercise with Venezuela.

Russian officials denied the mission was linked to a standoff with U.S. warships in the Black Sea.

Russia has criticized the United States for sending a command ship and two

other naval vessels to Georgia, on its southern border, to deliver aid after Moscow sent troops into Georgia.

A Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the November mission would include the nuclear-powered battle cruiser "Peter the Great", one of the world's largest warships, as well as Moscow's most modern destroyer and several other vessels.

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Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant has decided to forgo surgery on his right pinkie. After seeking numerous opinions from hand specialists, Bryant expressed that he did not want to miss any time on the court when Lakers training camp opens later this month. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Armstrong will return to Tour

CYCLING Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong announced yesterday he was coming out of retirement next year to

raise awareness about cancer.

A return to the peloton by Armstrong had been rumored for weeks and the 36-year-old American made it official on a video blog on his website.

Armstrong did not reveal his plans but said he would unveil them on Sept. 24 in New York City.

Merriman pulls plug on season

NFL After playing the season opener with a critically injured left knee, San Diego Chargers linebacker Shawne Merriman has finally sided with numerous medical advisors and will undergo season-ending surgery.

Merriman originally decided to play out his contract year despite tears in the posterior cruciate and lateral collateral ligaments in his knee. He recorded just one tackle while assisting on another in the Chargers' loss to the Carolina Panthers on Sunday.

Bombers deal for Moreno

CFL The Winnipeg Blue Bombers have acquired star linebacker Zeke Moreno from Hamilton.

The Bombers also got a conditional draft pick in the deal, while sending the Tiger-Cats a first-round pick in 2009 and the rights to linemen Corey Mace.

Moreno, the CFL leader in defensive tackles, had a spectacular debut in 2007 when he recorded 114 defensive tackles, along with 12 special teams tackles, a sack, forced two fumbles and had two interceptions.

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Will return...

Jays streaking in September

Toronto sweeps doubleheader to extend winning run to 10 in a row

Blue Jays 3 White Sox 1

Blue Jays 8 White Sox 2

Marco Scutaro, Scott Rolen and Vernon Wells homered as the Toronto Blue Jays clobbered Chicago 8-2 last night sweeping a day/night doubleheader from the White Sox and winning their 10th game in a row.

The losses by Chicago, combined with Minnesota's 7-2 home win over Kansas City, left the White Sox with a one-game lead on the Twins for first place in the AL Central.

Also, the injury bug bit hard for the White Sox, as first baseman Paul Konerko was helped off the field in the fifth inning with a sprained medial collateral ligament in his right knee. The White Sox said it was a mild sprain, and that X-rays were negative. Konerko will have an MRI today.

After being shut down by A.J. Burnett in a 3-1 final in the day game, the White Sox faltered in the nightcap by giving up four runs in the fifth inning.

Jesse Litsch allowed six hits and two runs in seven innings to get the win in the second contest of the four-game series. He fanned six for the Blue Jays, who are on their longest winning streak since ripping off 11 straight victories from Aug. 27-Sept. 7, 1998.

Although their chances of post-season play are slim, the latest surge left the Blue Jays seven games behind Boston for the AL wild card lead.

Clayton Richard was charged with five hits and five runs in four-plus innings to suffer the defeat.

Jermaine Dye had a two-run double for Chicago, which lost its third in a row.

In the first half of yesterday's doubleheader, Toronto rode a one-hit, seven-inning start by Burnett to a victory. A two-run, two-out double by Lyle Overbay provided all the offence necessary.

Burnett carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning. He also notched his 208th strikeout of the season, a new career high.

"That's cool," Burnett said of the feat.

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Chelios back for one more

The Detroit Red Wings and Chris Chelios made it official yesterday, as the eternally-young defenceman signed a one-year deal allowing him to return for a 25th NHL season. The 46-year-old Chelios, left, had three goals and 12 points in 69 regular-season games for the Wings in 2007-08.

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'The Don' returns to CFL



Don Matthews, the CFL's all-time leader in coaching victories with 231, was all smiles as he was re-introduced to the media yesterday as the new head coach of the Argonauts.

each week, prepare us for the playoffs and build toward the Grey Cup," said Argos general manager Adam Rita. "We wanted to bring Toronto fans the best and we believe the best is Don Matthews."

"The ship was heading in the wrong direction and we felt we had to bring in a new captain to put us in the best position to win

Matthews, nicknamed



Blue Jays Scott Rolen, right, is congratulated by teammate Kevin Mench after hitting a two-run home run against the White Sox last night in Chicago.

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Boston	85	59	.590	1/2	—	—	—	Minnesota 7 Kansas City 2	542	88	.168
Toronto	78	66	.542	8/2	—	—	—	—	542	89	.185
NY. Yankees	76	68	.528	10/2	—	—	—	Tampa Bay 5 Boston 4	539	89	.185
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Chicago Sox	84	64	.556	—	—	—	—	NY. Yankees at LA. Angels	540	91	.162
Minnesota	79	65	.549	1	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
Cleveland	70	73	.490	9/2	—	—	—	Texas at Seattle	540	91	.162
Detroit	70	75	.483	10/2	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
Kansas City	61	82	.427	18/2	—	—	—	Atlanta 5 Colorado 4 (10 ings)	540	91	.162
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Chicago Sox	80	64	.556	—	—	—	—	St. Louis 4 Chicago Cubs 3	540	91	.162
Cleveland	70	73	.490	9/2	—	—	—	Cincinnati at Milwaukee	540	91	.162
Detroit	70	75	.483	10/2	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
Kansas City	56	86	.394	30/2	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
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National League	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT
Central Division	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT
Atlanta	73	72	.503	8/2	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
Arizona	66	78	.458	21/2	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
Seattle	56	86	.394	30/2	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
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N.Y. Mets	81	63	.563	—	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
Philadelphia	79	66	.545	2/2	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
Florida	73	72	.503	8/2	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
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Cleveland	63	82	.434	18/2	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
Atlanta	63	72	.434	18/2	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
Washington	58	89	.386	25/2	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
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Chicago Cubs	86	58	.597	—	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
Philadelphia	82	62	.569	4	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
Florida	73	66	.542	8	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
St. Louis	78	66	.542	8	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
Houston	78	67	.538	8/2	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
Cincinnati	65	79	.451	21	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
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West Division	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT
L.A. Dodgers	73	71	.507	—	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
Arizona	71	72	.497	1/2	—	—	—	—	540	91	.162
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CIS football

The Saint Mary's Huskies held down third place in the latest Canadian Interuniversity Sport football rankings, released yesterday. The Huskies, who beat the Acadia Axemen 14-12 in their season-opener last Friday, visit the unranked Bishop's Gaunters on Saturday. METRO HALIFAX



Coach wants grinding Moose

Russell expects every player to work hard on rebuilding Halifax team

MATTHEW WUEST



Last year, Cam Russell had six NHL draft picks, five 30-goal scorers, and a contending team loaded with skill.

As it turned out, that "on paper" thing was worth as much as the paper it was written on, as his Halifax Mooseheads ungracefully folded the tent in the QMJHL semi-finals.

"This is going to be a season where the guys that work the hardest are going to be the guys that play."

Cam Russell

his best effort is going to be the guy who plays." That approach officially started in Game 4 of the Q semifinals last year, when Russell finally had enough of the lackadaisical approach of star forward Brad Marchand and told him to take a hike in the most important game of the season.

The move didn't make much difference — the Mooseheads didn't respond and were unceremoniously swept from the playoffs by the Gatineau Olympiques — but it marked the boldest decision in Russell's tenure as a head coach in the Q.

Rewarding work ethic is going to be a key for this year's team if it wants to keep itself out of the basement.

"You're not always going to have a team full of skill," Russell said. "Even when you have it, you may have some skilled guys who don't give their best efforts every night."



Halifax Mooseheads head coach Cam Russell said he thinks fans will enjoy the 'honest effort' his players will give every game — even if they won't be winning as many this season.

"Last year, we had a lot of skill. This year, when you don't have that skill, you make up for it in other ways."

As long as the boys bring their lunch pails, Russell is

hoping any restless long-time ticket holders — impatiently waiting for the first championship in the franchise's 15-year history — will enjoy coming to the rink this season.

"I think that's all the fans are looking for," Russell said. "They want to see an honest effort every night. At the end of the day, that's all anybody's ever looking for."

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Plan to curb on-ice violence to be revealed by QMJHL

HOCKEY The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League is expected to announce today rule changes to curtail gratuitous on-ice violence.

The league's board of governors voted on Monday on each of 31 recommendations submitted last month by a consulting committee. The adopted sanctions will be revealed by commissioner Gilles Courteau today at noon in Montreal.

The recommendations did not call for a total ban of fighting, instead asking for stiffer penalties.

Quebec sports minister Michelle Courchesne helped establish the committee after last season's highly-publicized incident involving Quebec Remparts goalie Jonathan Roy, who attacked an unwilling opponent in a playoff game in May.

A number of members with the Halifax Mooseheads have said they would prefer the rules to stay as they are.

"Fights get the game going and make it more exciting, especially for the fans," said blue-liner Justin Pender. "But we're not worried, we're brushing it off and we'll see what happens."

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Huskies QB quandary continues

MATTHEW WUEST



CIS FOOTBALL Expect the crowded quarterback carousel to continue spinning for the Saint Mary's Huskies this weekend.

Head coach Steve Sumarah has spent the past few days reviewing game tape of Ted Abraham and Nathan Marsman in last Friday's 14-12 win over the Acadia Axemen.

Abraham started the game, but gave way to Marsman for the final three quarters. Marsman made

several big plays — mostly with his feet — and was named player of the game.

"I wasn't entirely happy with either of them," he said. "I know perception is (that Marsman) looks good but when you break the tape down, sometimes things aren't always as they appear. Pat Hooey will be playing this week for sure."

No starter has been named yet, but regardless



of who gets the nod, Sumarah said all three signal-callers will see field time against the Bishop's Gaunters on Saturday in Sherbrooke, Que.

"We just haven't found 'the guy,' as they say," Sumarah said. "This is becoming more difficult than I anticipated. I was hoping somebody would just run with (the starting job). I didn't realize they would all sort of hang around."

Hec Crighton winner Erik Glavic is still the shelf recovering from knee surgery, but will travel to Quebec tomorrow.

Sports in brief

BASEBALL The Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League handed down suspensions yesterday for last Friday's bench-clearing brawl between the Halifax Pelham Canadians and Truro Bearcats. Mark Haverstock (three games) and Ryan Veinot (one) of Halifax and Jeff Chisholm (two) of Truro were all disciplined prior to last night's game, a 15-3 win for the Bearcats at Mainland Common. Halifax trails the best-of-seven semifinal 3-0.

BASEBALL Dartmouth Moose-

head Dry battled back last night in the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League best-of-seven semifinals, beating the Kentville Wildcats 4-2 at Beazley Field. Jason Bailey picked up the win to help the five-time defending provincial champs cut Kentville's series lead to 2-1. Game 4 is tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Kentville.

CIS SOCCER Jonathan McNeil of the Saint Mary's Huskies soccer team was named Atlantic University Sport's male athlete of the week yesterday. The Halifax native accumulated 128 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries, while gaining 69 yards on four receptions.

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year fullback from Halifax netted three goals to help the Huskies to season-opening victories over the Acadia Axemen and the St. Francis Xavier X-Men.

CIS FOOTBALL St. Francis Xavier X-Men running back James Green was named Atlantic University Sport football's offensive player of the week yesterday. The Halifax native accumulated 128 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries, while gaining 69 yards on four receptions.



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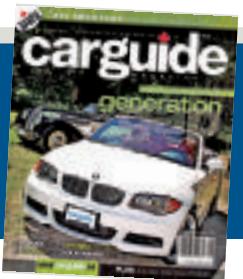
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Good Vibe-rations

Practicality takes centre stage for Pontiac compact

MICHAEL BANOFSKY
for Metro Canada

While underneath the Vibe utilizes a Toyota platform and engines, the exterior is modern Americana.

If the Pontiac Vibe was an appetizer, it would be the California Roll – delicious sushi on the inside and yet easy to handle and appealing on the outside.

The Vibe is a product of a General Motors and Toyota alliance. Its sister car is the Toyota Matrix. While underneath the Vibe utilizes a Toyota platform and engines, the exterior is modern Americana.

There are small differences between the two content-wise — for instance a Monsoon stereo is only available on the Vibe (and a JBL stereo is exclusive to the Matrix) — but from the driver's seat you would be hard pressed to notice a different driving experience.

Probably the most popular variant will be the Vibe with all-wheel-drive, as its larger engine (2.4-litre 4-cylinder with 158 horsepower) and plastic-lined rear cargo area should make it the most practical for any environment.

From an enthusiast's standpoint, however, I wonder how long it'll take a Pontiac engineer to install a turbocharged Ecotec



There are cubby holes everywhere, controls fall easily to hand, and the driving position seems to fit a wide range of body types.

engine into the Vibe.

Inside, again, practicality takes centre stage. A handy-dandy 115-volt (100W) dash-mounted plug means you'll no longer have to buy separate car chargers for your electron-

ic gizmos. There are cubby holes everywhere, controls fall easily to hand, and the driving position seems to fit a wide range of body types.

Now, the biggest difference between the Vibe

and Matrix is on price: the Vibe starts at \$15,995; the Matrix at \$15,705. Top range models are different altogether: the Vibe GT starts at \$24,995, the Matrix XRS at \$25,220. Transaction prices, though,

2009 Pontiac Vibe

Type: Compact
Price: \$15,995
Engine: 2.4-litre 4-cylinder
HP: 158 horsepower

Highlights

- All wheel drive
- Practical interior
- Affordable pricing

favour the ever-eager-to-deal Pontiac salespeople — plus any deals the General has cooked up.

So the Vibe is basically a Toyota. I think for North America, re-skinning a winning design to attract universal appeal is an admirable strategy. I'm sure the attractive Vibe will sell in spades.

Just keep hoping for a mid-summer clearance sale at your local dealer.

Insurance myths debunked

When it comes to auto insurance, many Canadians are not sure what's fact or fiction. To help you better understand auto insurance, RBC Insurance debunks the top five auto insurance myths.

1. The colour of my car affects my insurance premium.

Many factors determine premiums. The colour of your vehicle is not one of them.

2. If I use my car for work and have an accident, my employer's insurance will cover it.

Your employer may reimburse you for mileage, but your own insurance provides coverage in case of an accident. If you use your vehicle for work, you should be advising your agent or broker of this business use.

3. Parking tickets increase insurance premiums.

Parking tickets do not affect insurance premiums. But a licence suspension from unpaid fines can result in higher premiums.

4. If my friend borrows my car and has an accident, their insurance will pay for damages.

If you lend your car, you lend your insurance. Any claims will be made under your policy, even if you were not involved in the accident.

5. Auto insurance companies can charge what they want.

Auto insurance is subject to significant regulatory requirements. Insurance companies must submit their automobile insurance rates to government agencies for approval.

NEWS CANADA

Honda Fit greener, safer for 2009

The 2009 Honda Fit, set to go on sale across Canada on Sept. 15 with a suggested retail price of \$14,980, is designed to further its leadership in the subcompact segment with top-of-class fuel economy, feature content, safety and interior functionality.

It features an enhanced sporty demeanour to increase its fun-to-drive character through a more pow-

erful engine and improved suspension, steering and body rigidity.

"The new Fit is designed to raise the bar in the Canadian subcompact market by taking what is already great about the Fit and making it even better," says Jerry Chenkin, executive vice-president of Honda Canada Inc. "With the recent rise in fuel costs, the fuel-efficient Fit is the ideal vehicle for

Canadians looking for lower fuel costs partnered with high value and class-leading functionality."

A five-speed manual transmission is standard for the Fit, and a segment-unique five-speed automatic transmission is available.

Estimated fuel economy with the standard manual transmission is 7.2 litres per 100 kilometers (city) and 5.5 litres per 100 kilometers (highway).

A new, more powerful 117-horsepower, 1.5-litre i-VTEC four-cylinder engine enhances the Fit's high-revving character while offering improved fuel economy over the previous Fit.

metres (highway). Estimated fuel economy with the optional five-speed automatic transmission is 7.1 litres per 100 kilometres (city) and 5.5 litres per 100 kilometres (highway).



The all-new 2009 Honda Fit, available in Canada this fall, features an enhanced fun-to-drive character with increased standard safety features and fuel efficiency.

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Massive faith in South Korea

TheTravelJunkie

Julia Dimon

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According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest Christian congregation in the world is not located where you might expect it to be.

Instead of calling the southern U.S. home, the Yoido Full Gospel Church — which boasts an astonishing 750,000-plus worshippers — can be found just 20 minutes outside Seoul, South Korea.

Though the country is predominantly Buddhist, there is indeed a powerful Christian contingent. Take one look at the exterior of the Yoido Full Gospel Church, and you'll have an idea of its scale.

In fact, it's hard to quell the thought that this red-brick dome topped with a giant cross looks like a stadium, and that I'm headed to a concert rather than a Wednesday morning religious service. Right on cue, a crowd of elderly women move past me in a mad dash to get a good seat.

It seems that despite the size of the venue, the pews fill up quickly, so it's best

Julia's tips

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to come early.

In the guts of the building, three floors of seats are placed in a semi-circle facing the stage. All eyes are on a joyous choir, singing and swaying to synthesized music. The church is devoid of stained-glass windows and religious iconography, but does have several large screens above the stage and camera men panning across the crowd.

The church has a BYOB policy — bring your own bible. But it does provide headphones, which I plug into a little black box offering English, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, French, Russian, Indonesian and Arabic translations. With patience, I'm able to understand a bit of what retired Rev. David Yonggi Cho is saying.

"Our neighbours in North Korea are suffering. We must care about social problems. They are our brothers, sisters and neighbours. Love your neighbours and love the church with your soul, body and mind," he preaches. Though 72 years old, his voice echoes through the church. The crowd breathes a collective Amen.

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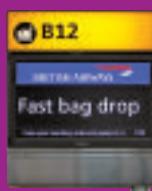
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Heathrow T5 is back on track

British Airways' intercontinental flights to London will begin using Heathrow's spectacular new Terminal 5 this month and next. The transfer from Terminal 4 was to occur in April, but was put off after T5's opening proved truly chaotic, what with staff shortages, long, long lines at check-in, and hundreds of cancelled and delayed flights. British Airways officials say T5 is operating smoothly now. AVIATION.COM

PAUL DAMEN/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

A weekend in the Windy City



The Lurie Garden in Chicago's Millennium Park against part of the city's impressive skyline.

Frank Lloyd Wright, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Rem Koolhaas and others.

about the structures.

7:30 p.m. Enjoy a draft beer at the historic Berghoff restaurant, one of the city's oldest, on Adams Street in the Loop.

American Prairie Style architecture and raising six children with his first wife.

1:15 p.m. Lunch on a salad of tomato, mozzarella, basil and balsamic dressing in the Garden Restaurant courtyard at the Art Institute of Chicago.

12:30 p.m. Get a take away lunch at the Tasty Dog on Lake Street and eat in Scoville Park en route to Wright's Unity Temple.

2:30 p.m. Tour highlights of the art institute galleries before heading outside to wander through nearby Millennium Park and see Anish Kapoor's reflective "Cloud Gate" sculpture shaped like a bean. Jaume Plensa's "Crown Fountain" and architect Frank Gehry's Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

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in 1905 as a place of worship for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation and has since been designated a U.S. National Historic Landmark.

8:30 p.m. Dine on distinctive Chicago-style stuffed or thin-crust pizza at Giordano's on Jackson Boulevard.

and used for naval training in World War Two.

10:15 p.m. Watch a spectacular fireworks display from the patio of Riva restaurant on Navy Pier, a cultural center originally built as a municipal wharf and used for naval training in World War Two.

Visit and tour the Victorian home where author Ernest Hemingway was born in 1899. The restored Queen Anne-style house was built in 1890 by Hemingway's maternal grandparents.

9:30 a.m. Take the scenic elevated train ride west to Oak Park from the Loop on the Chicago Transit Authority's Green Line.

3:30 p.m. Stroll to the Ernest Hemingway Museum and enjoy temporary and permanent exhibitions comprised of memorabilia related to the author's life and career before heading back to the Loop.

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Sunday

9:30 a.m. Take the scenic elevated train ride west to Oak Park from the Loop on the Chicago Transit Authority's Green Line.

11 a.m. Tour architect Frank Lloyd Wright's home and studio. Wright lived and worked in the structure from 1889 to 1909, developing his signa-



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They can't quit you

Brokeback Mountain has topped a new list of the best gay movies. The 2005 film beat Beautiful Thing and Shelter to the top of a new online poll compiled by the website AfterElton.com. **IMDB.COM**

Entertainment

Good Spelling

Actress Tori Spelling's memoir, *Tori Telling*, has reached the top of the New York Times nonfiction bestseller list, according to figures released by the newspaper.

E! NEWS ONLINE

PHILIP CROUCHER
for Metro Halifax



It represents the musical heartbeat of Nova Scotia.

But DRUM creator Brookes Diamond continues to find out first-hand his musical production speaks a language many can relate to outside the province.

"It has an overwhelming amount of personal meaning to people," he said. "It's our story. It's a story of

If you go

- What: DRUM
- Where: Bella Rose Arts Centre, 283 Thomas Raddall Dr.
- When: Friday through Sunday, Oct. 12. Various times. Visit www.drum-show.ca.
- Tickets: \$19 to \$44. Call 451-1221 or visit www.ticketatlantic.com.

everyone on this continent."

DRUM is a Halifax production featuring 20 musicians, dancers, drummers and singers from four principal cultures — aboriginal, black, Celtic and Acadian — brought together in a fusion of music, dance, poetry, video, rhythm and song.

The show is currently preparing for a month-long stint at the Bella Rose Arts Centre in Halifax starting on Friday, but the production is also coming off a successful tour of the United States earlier in the year.

It was on the tour that Diamond again watched his production represent its Nova Scotia roots, but also connect with its audience. "When we're home, and playing to the home crowd, there are all these little spots when people clap, and people laugh, and people don't laugh," he said.



DRUM features music from Nova Scotia's aboriginal, black, Celtic and Acadian communities.

"And what we find when we're out in the road, whether it's Louisiana and California or Minnesota or Kansas, they do exactly the same thing. They laugh in the same spots. They clap in the same spots."

Friday's show will mark the fifth-consecutive year

DRUM has played a lengthy stint in Halifax, moving from its location on the city's waterfront to the new 600-seat Bella Rose Centre.

The two-hour show was put together in 2004 and has undergone some minor changes. This year,

there are four new cast members and three new pieces.

"We're always working on that," Diamond said. "And I suppose to a certain extent, we're working on the entertainment experience as well, just to make it a better show."

In brief

TELEVISION The Aboriginal Peoples Television Network will air nationwide the live Halifax taping of *The Candy Show* hosted by Haligonian Candy Palmater Sunday morning at 1 a.m. The pilot, which uses a live talk show format, will feature special guests including Halifax bluesman Charlie A'Court and the Eastern Eagle drumming group.

ART Nocturne: Art at Night is seeking volunteers for several different positions for its event on Oct. 18 in Halifax.

Volunteer application forms can be found at www.nocturnehalifax.ca, with a volunteer orientation taking place at the seminar room at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m.

COMEDY Gemini-nominated comedian Irwin Barker will headline a comedy fundraising show, *The Cancer Monologues*, at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. In 2007 Barker was diagnosed with a rare and terminal form of cancer. Tickets are \$45 and are available at the Cohn box office.

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MacDonald Trew-ly pleased

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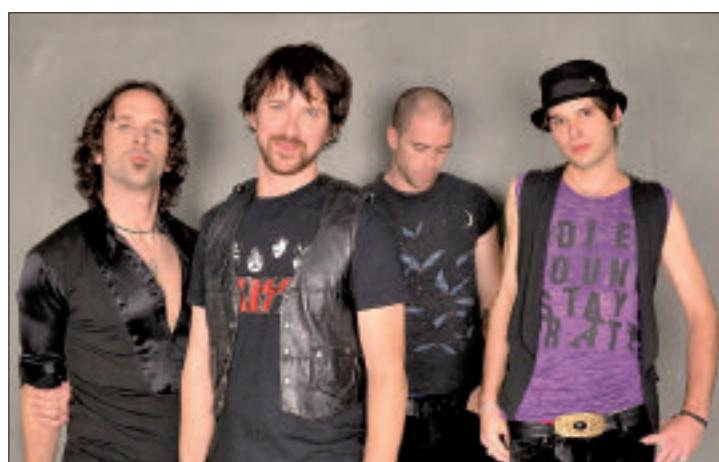
MUSIC Watching their hit single *Hold Me In Your Arms* make it to No. 1 on the MuchMusic video charts was a big deal for The Trews in more ways than one.

"It was kind of cool to topple Britney Spears out of top spot," said guitarist John-Angus MacDonald. "It was kind of a lifelong quest of ours."

The single topped the list on April 3, two months after the band's newest album, *No Time For Later*, hit store shelves. The single also won the best rock video award at the 2008 MuchMusic Video Awards in June.

The Trews, who are Nova Scotia-based, have been touring almost non-stop in promotion of their latest album. They are currently wrapping a tour of New Brunswick before making a return to Halifax for a gig Saturday night at the Marquee Club.

"I know it's typical for bands to say this, but I



The Trews are back in their home province to perform at The Marquee Club on Saturday night.

think it's our best record," MacDonald said. "Not only because it's our most current, but I think we put more into it. We really focused on it production-wise, especially. All in all, it took about six months to make the record, which is way longer than we ever spent on the other two."

Another test was a recent five-week U.S. tour,

which saw The Trews open for Ace Frehley, the former lead guitarist with the legendary band Kiss. MacDonald said it was their best U.S. tour to date, with stops as far south as Las Vegas and San Francisco.

"It's been a great run," MacDonald said. "The new stuff is even better live than we thought it would be."

If you go

- What: The Trews
- Where: The Marquee Club
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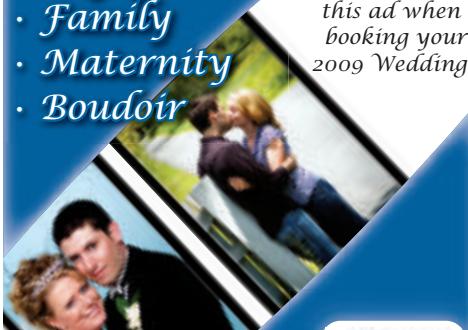
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Ethan and Joel Coen review a take with actor George Clooney on the set of *Burn After Reading*, which opens on Friday.

Post-Oscar flops

Some filmmakers fail to follow up on success

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Some critics are downright disheartened by *Burn After Reading* — the Coen Brothers' highly-anticipated follow-up to *No Country for Old Men*.

Todd McCarthy of Variety even called it a "film that feels misjudged from the opening scene and thereafter." That's pretty surprising for the subsequent effort to last year's Academy Award-winning best film. Isn't it?

Well, not exactly.

While no one is slotting *Burn After Reading* in the same category as say, *SuperBabies: Baby Geniuses 2*, the quirky comedy could still prove that winning an Academy Award does not always guarantee a director will go on to make an immediate masterpiece.

Take John Madden, for instance, who followed up his award-winning romantic-drama *Shakespeare in*

*Love with the dreary Nicolas Cage adaptation of Captain Corelli's Mandolin. And don't forget filmmaker Rob Marshall who won the Oscar for Chicago only to let movie fans down with *Memoirs of a Geisha* two years later.*

These are just two critically praised filmmakers who failed to follow up their statuettes with a masterful flick.

In 1985, filmmaker Sydney Pollack took Robert Redford *Out of Africa* and transported him to stinky Havana. The huge 1990 epic was a bust both at the box office and with critics.

Peter Travers of *Rolling Stone* wrote, "You expect more of stars Robert Redford and Lena Olin, director Sydney Pollack, and a \$40 million budget than an uncredited and unpalatable rehash of *Casablanca*."

Yikes! That's a long road from standing behind the winner's podium at the Oscars show.

Perhaps the biggest post-

Oscar flop has come courtesy of none other than Ron Howard. Skilled as he is behind the camera, after taking home the big prize for 2001's *A Beautiful Mind*, the actor-turned-auteur came up with *The Missing*.

With a budget of \$65 million, the *Tommy Lee Jones/Cate Blanchett* thriller was a huge post-Oscar disappointment, earning less than half its budget back. It seems the only thing really missing was a audience was hungry to see.

Whether *Burn After Reading* will fall under the same curse that *The Missing* did is yet to be determined, but perhaps that doesn't even concern the Coens.

Instead, maybe the brothers share the theory of journalist Herbert B. Swope, who once said, "I cannot give the formula for success, but I can give you the formula of failure — which is try to please everybody."

Film new *Sex and the City* movie in London: Noth

MOVIES Sex and the City star Chris Noth wants the sequel to the hit movie to be filmed in London, imdb.com reports.



The film version of the popular TV show hit the big screen earlier this year and there are already rumours that movie bosses are planning a followup.

Noth, who plays Carrie Bradshaw's love interest Mr. Big, insists the New York-based show would translate well if it moved to London for a sequel.

"We are doing a sequel

right here in London. I don't know, I'm just kidding. It's up to the writer, Michael Patrick King," he says.

"He has some great ideas. I think it would be a great place to make it. If Woody Allen can make films in London, why can't we?"

"Maybe Carrie and Mr. Big could take their honeymoon here, maybe his business could move here or could bring him here and they could settle down." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Oprah Winfrey to guest on *30 Rock*

TV Oprah Winfrey will be starring in an upcoming episode of *30 Rock*, imdb.com reports.



Oprah Winfrey

The media titan was earlier this month rumoured to be making a guest appearance on the show. Alec Baldwin has confirmed the chat-show queen will be on the series. "Yes, Jennifer Aniston and Oprah (will be on the show). What more do you want? We're only on episode four!" he said.

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Knightley says no to pirates

Keira Knightley has no intention of starring in a new Pirates of the Caribbean movie. The actress, who has played Elizabeth Swann in three films in the franchise, admits even if producers ask her to reprise her role she would turn them down. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



In brief

VIDEO Amazon.com has premiered the video for a new Bob Dylan song, "Dreamin' of You," starring veteran character actor Harry Dean Stanton as a Dylan bootlegger travelling the country to peddle his wares. Dreamin' is the first taste of Tell Tale Signs: The Bootleg Series Vol. 8, due Oct. 7 via Columbia, which rounds up 27 rarities from the past 20-odd years of Dylan's career.

WEB They're called the Blah Girls and they've got plenty to say about celebrities, most of it cheeky. The three animated gossip queens — Tiffany, Britney and Krystle — are dedicated to spreading rumour and comment on the Internet on the latest pop culture happenings. And all from what their creators hope is a unique teen perspective. Launched on Monday, the Blah Girls are the latest creation from actor Ashton Kutcher and his fellow entertainment entrepreneur Jason Goldberg.

MUSIC R&B singer Beyoncé will release her third solo album in the United States on Nov. 18, her Columbia Records label said. The as-yet-untitled album marks the follow-up to her 2006 disc B'Day.

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Booker shortlist announced

India well-represented in this year's search for the best in fiction

Tales from rural India, secretive Ireland and strike-riven northern England are all vying for the Man Booker Prize for Fiction, one of the world's most prestigious literary awards.

Aravind Adiga, whose book *The White Tiger* tracks the ambitions and divided loyalties of the son of a rickshaw puller from an Indian village, is a first-time novelist.

The former *TIME* magazine correspondent is the bookmakers' favourite to take the annual prize, worth about \$90,000, to the

winner.

A second Indian writer on the shortlist of six is Kolkata-born Amitav Ghosh with *Sea of Poppies*, a story set on an old slave ship before the Opium Wars.

But there was no place for Mumbai-born Salman Rushdie, who was named Best of the Booker winners in July to mark the prize's 40th anniversary.

The renowned novelist won the Booker prize in 1981 with *Midnight's Children*, but his latest work *The Enchantress of Florence* failed to make the shortlist despite being

heavily backed by bookies when it appeared on the longlist.

The second debut novelist on the shortlist this year is a former private investigator from Australia, Steve Toltz, and his book of familial adventure *A Fraction of the Whole*.

Linda Grant's *The Clothes on Their Backs*, a book about the psychology of clothes, has been nominated, as has Irish writer Sebastian Barry, whose *The Secret Scripture* depicts the shocking story of a woman growing up in Sligo in the 1930s.

British novelist Philip Hensher uses the 1984 backdrop of the miners' strike to follow the lives of two families and a changing social landscape in the north of England over 20 years in his book *The Northern Clemency*.

Chair of the judges Michael Portillo described each of the six pieces of work as an "extraordinary example of imagination



Author Amitav Ghosh.

and narrative," as he announced the shortlist yesterday.

"These fine page-turning stories nonetheless raise highly thought-provoking ideas and issues. These books are in every case both ambitious and approachable."

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The books vying for the Booker prize this year.

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Rick McGinnis
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critics'corner

The Berkeley Sessions

No, not the California university. This new series is a showcase for musical performances at Toronto's Berkeley Church, an imposing yet intimate venue for all kinds of special events. The opener features indie rocker Joel Plaskett performing with his dad, Bill, a veteran of the Nova Scotia folk scene. 9 PM on BRAVO



Cash Cab

It's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" in a moving vehicle! Really. As the titular taxi cruises the streets of Toronto, the driver, comedian Adam Grawe, asks passengers questions. Correct answers earn the rider money, but three wrong answers and he or she is out. The allure of this program is that it educates viewers with challenging questions like "What country borders Uzbekistan to the west?" and "Why hasn't the talking driver crashed yet?" 9 PM on DISCOVERY

Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag

Who wants dessert? They may be yummy, but preparing a sweet treat that not only tastes good but is worthy of its cookbook illustration is tricky. Just ask Anna and Kristina, who put a dessert cookbook to the test in this new episode. Pastry chef Thomas Hass is on hand to pass judgment on the finished product. 9 PM on W

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36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Bones (HDTV PA) (N)	Til Death	Do Not Disturb	Fox First	
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	America's Got Talent (Live)		Law Order: CI		
29	29	29	BBC	World	Business	CBC News	Newman	The Hour	CBC News: The National	Monarchy		
4	4	4	PBS-B	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Greater Boston	Ask This Old	Natural History of the Chicken	Great Performances (N)				
35	35	35	PBS-D	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Business Rpt.	BBC World	Motor City Celebrities	Great Performances				
68	68	68	TOS	Les Simpson	Flash (SC)	Chemin du golf	Soleil levant *** (1993, Drame policier) Sean Connery, Wesley Snipes.			110 pour cent		
23	96	96	BNN	Business News	Headline	Market Call	Commodities	Workopolis TV	Business News	Squeeze Play	Market Call	
18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation Room	Lou Dobbs Tonight	CNN Election Center	Larry King Live			Cooper 360		
54	54	54	GOLF	Highway 18	Faldo - Azinger Challenge	Comback	Golf Central	19th Hole	Top 10	School of Golf		
52	52	52	RSE	Prime Time Sports	Air Racing Mid-Season Review	World Poker Tour			Best Damn Sports Show	SportsNet Con.		
55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Game On	RaceNight			Score Tonight			
45	45	45	SPD	Unique Whips	Pinks (HDTV)	Pass Time	Am. Thunder	Am. Thunder	Pinks (HDTV)	Pinks Outtakes	Wrecked	
53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	2008 World Series of Poker	MLB Baseball	Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago White Sox. (HDTV) (Live)				
43	43	43	FAM	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Wizards-Place	That's-Raven	The Suite Life	Natural-Sadie	Hen. Montana	Ned's School	
44	44	44	TOON	World of Quest	Johnny Test	George-Jungle	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	The Critic (N)	
26	26	26	TREE	Fifi-Flowerlots	Backyardigans	Wonder Pets	Night Grid	Bucket-Dinos	Franklin	Little Bear	Miss Spider	Comfy Couch
27	27	27	YTV	Drake & Josh	iCarly	Malcolm-Mid.	Home Improve.	Prank Patrol	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	Adrenaline Proj.
16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files (HDTV)	CSI: Miami "Killer Date"	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Criss Angel	
70	70	70	APTN	News	Canadian Geographic	Reel Insight						Tribal Treks
50	50	50	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (Live)		Access	Black Carpet	Hustle & Flow *** (2005, Drama)				
37	37	37	BRCV	Street Legal	Desperate Housewives	Berkley	Bravo!Videos	Windfield	The Letters	Arts & Minds		
60	97	97	CLT	Mysterious Ways	Judging Amy	Agnes Brown *** (1999, Drama) Angelica Huston.						
25	25	25	CMT	Project Dad	Project Dad	CMT at the 2008 CCMA's	Beyond Chance	Reba	Hope & Faith	Home Improve.		
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	Just for Laughs	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Lewis Black	
153	153	153	COURT	Crime Files	72 Hours	The Investigators						Investigators
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)	Cash Cab (N)	Factory Made	Sport Science	Mayday		
34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes-Homes	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Property Shop	Big City Broker	Property Virgin	Unsellable	Flipping Out	
46	46	46	HIST	Captain Bligh Conspiracy	NCIS "Sandblast"	Cities of the Underworld	Captain Bligh Conspiracy					NCIS
17	17	17	MTS	disBand	Technical Diff.	America's Top Pop Group	2008 MTV Video Music Awards Host Russell Brand.					Punk'd
19	19	19	MM	MusicProfile	mmptop10.com	Popaganda	Back In	Listed				Brooke Knows
201	201	201	M1	The Heart of the Game	(8/05) Poor Boy's Game *** (2007, Drama)			Lust, Caution *** (2007, Suspense)				
48	23	23	OLN	The Amazing Race	Ed's Up	Videos	The Real Lost World					Word Travels
51	51	51	PEACH	Friends	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Absolute Power *** (1997, Suspense)	Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman.				
206	206	206	PIX	(6/45) National Lampoon's Senior Trip		The Best Bad Thing (1998, Drama)		Cape Fear *** (1962, Suspense)				
67	67	67	RDI	RDI en direct	RDI en direct	RDI en direct sur l'actualité	Grands reportages (SC)	Le Téléjournal (SC)	Le Club des ex			
39	39	39	SHOW	Wife Swap	Kink in Hair	Kink in Hair	Billable Hours	Billable Hours	Durham County	The Riches (N)		
40	40	40	SLICE	Matchmaker	Til Debt-Part	End of Leash	ET Canada	X-Weighted "Sharfa"	Work Out	Inside Hollywood.		
47	47	47	SPACE	Stargate SG-1 (DVS)	Lost "Tabula Rasa"			Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	Battlestar Galactica	Ghost Hunters		
14	14	14	SPIKE	Star Wars V: The Empire	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.		Cape Fear *** (1962, Suspense)	Unleashed			
57	98	98	STAR	FashionTele	Look-A-Like	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	TMZ (N)	Live at eTalk	Live at eTalk	Tonight Show		
21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Lottery Chg.		
56	34	34	TRP	Reality	Ad Persuasion	Beverly Hills, 90210	Reality	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
20	20	20	TV5	Que-champion	Journal de Fr2	Pékin express "Episode 12 - Omsk"		Fanfan *** (1992, Com. Sentimentale)				
28	28	28	V	Side Effects	Murder, She Wrote	Chambers	No Place Like	Darling Buds of May (N)		Vivre à vélo		
22	22	22	W	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Grocery Bag	What You Eat	Supersize vs. Superskinny (N)	Enigma	
251	251	251	WGN	My Wife-Kids	According-Jim	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model (N)	90210 "Lucky Strike"	Gok's Fashion		
										WGN News		

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Boy for Bernal

Actor Gael Garcia Bernal and actress Dolores Fonzi are expecting a boy. "It's a chico! A boy!" he told People. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Driver gives birth to boy

MOTHERHOOD Minnie Driver became a first-time mom to son Henry Story Driver, People.com reports her rep as saying.

The baby was born Friday in Los Angeles and weighed 9 lbs., 12 oz., rep Jessica Kolstad says.

Driver, 38, who has not revealed the identity of the father, has said that the dad will be involved in the baby's life.

"He's going to be a dad so, yeah, he's going to be there for the kid," she said. "I'm not getting married to this person and I don't know what's going to happen but

everyone is cool about the situation."

As the new mom takes on her most important role yet, Driver says she is looking forward to simply observing and spending time with her child.

"Babies are endlessly fascinating to look at and I'm obsessed about their complete and utter lack of guile. I'm looking forward to seeing life through the eyes of my own kid."

She also says she plans on spending lots of time hanging out at the beach with her child.

"I love the ocean and this baby will probably be surfing and swimming before it can walk."

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Kids changed Damon

CHILDREN Actor Matt Damon loves that he's become a dad again, because his new baby daughter has opened up his heart, imdb.com reports.

Damon's wife Luciana Barroso gave birth to the couple's second child, Gia Zavala Damon, last month.

"It probably influences me in ways I'm not even

aware of," Damon said. "I think certainly once you have kids it's hard not to see your child in every other child that you meet. And when you see the way a lot of children live in the world it makes you very angry as a parent."

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Child star points blame at family

HEALTH Former child star Corey Feldman blames his parents for pushing him into acting at an early age, and reportedly holds them responsible for his troubled life, imdb.com reports.

"It wasn't the industry's fault, it was my parents' — they should have been more responsible and laid the groundwork for me to build a healthy adult life," Feldman says. "I was 17 and already I'd become a joke to some people."

"I regret calling my wife

O'Connell sorry for gaffe

RELATIONSHIPS Jerry O'Connell admits he made a big mistake, People.com reports.

The star of the new sitcom *Do Not Disturb* is apologizing to wife Rebecca Romijn — who is pregnant with twin girls — for joking about her size when he appeared on a late-night talk show recently.

"I regret calling my wife

celebrity brief

Barton gets hair fashion line

PEOPLE Actress Mischa Barton is to launch her own range of hair accessories, imdb.com reports.

The former *The O.C.* star has teamed up with accessories designer Stacey Lapidus on a line called Mischa Barton for Stacey Lapidus. Barton's range of headbands will be made from materials including silk, feathers, crystals and pearls.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Jerry O'Connell says he made a big mistake on *Conan O'Brien's* show when he joked about the size of **Rebecca Romijn**, who is expecting the couple's twins.

This statement shows Jerry is a master of the understatement. Apparently, his *Secret Identity* is being a huge idiot. It's hard to believe anyone with such a poor grasp of the female psyche ever got close enough to one to get her pregnant.

Jerry needs to read the pregnancy book I wrote especially for celebrity fathers-to-be. It's called *Celebspawn: Anticipating the Arrival of Your Craven Publisher's Future Pawns*. In it, Jerry will learn many women are apt to feel self-conscious about their size while pregnant, and may be sensitive to remarks you make about it on, say, national television. He will learn nicknames like Goodyear, Earthball and H.R. Puffinstuff are rarely appreciated. He'll learn the three stages of celebrity pregnancy are gestation, childbirth, and negotiation with *People Magazine* for the photo rights. And lastly, Jerry will learn that if he doesn't let her cool down, the flowers he brings home will also be his dinner. I believe it was Shakespeare who wrote, "Hell hath no fury like a pregnant woman mocked on *Conan*."

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Simpson excited for pregnant sis

FAMILY Jessica Simpson can't wait for her sister Ashlee to give birth, usmagazine.com reports.

"I'm going to spoil the kid rotten, that's for sure," she says. "I think my sister's going to be pretty strict, actually,

because she's been so good throughout her pregnancy."

She denies that Ashlee and her husband Pete Wentz will be on double diaper duty this fall. "Definitely not twins!" Jessica says.

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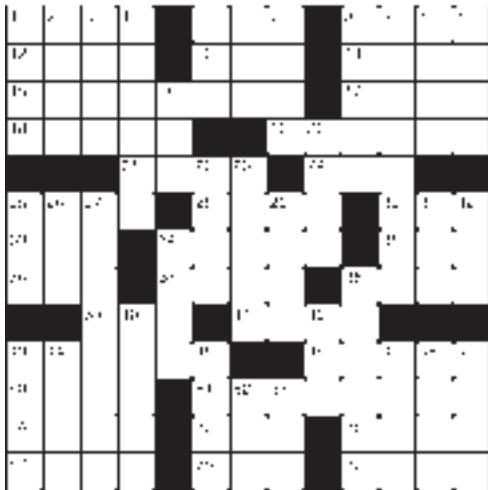


George not godfather material?

Brad Pitt is shooting down rumours that fellow actor George Clooney is the godfather of his twins Knox and Vivienne. "No, he hates children," Pitt joked to Extra. USMAGAZINE.COM

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Take Five



Crossword down

1 Probability
2 Bride's accessory
3 Otherwise
4 Well
5 Auto
6 Affix
7 Fence part
8 Perfect
9 Reveal
10 Sea eagle
11 Progeny
16 Mimic
20 Start over
22 Yellow-flowered shrub
23 Dark, as twilight
25 Big fib
26 Intend
27 Find

29 Reverberate
31 Teensy
32 Toddler's perch
34 "Consarn it!"
38 Facial growths
40 Biscotti flavor
42 Fabled flier
43 Run-down part of the city
44 Mexican money
45 Advantage
47 Blue shade
48 Blood (Pref.)
49 Flight component
52 Squid fluid
53 Seek damages

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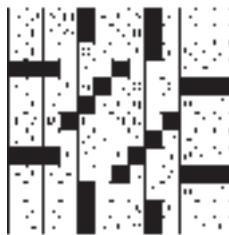
Crossword across

1 Microwave, e.g.
5 Upper limit
8 Mid-month date
12 Sandwich shop
13 Ruckus
14 Catastrophic
15 Tosses out
17 Slave to crosswords?
18 Insomniac's need
19 Found the source of
21 Unchaste
24 Right angle

25 "— and the Tramp"
28 Coloured
30 One who gives a hoot?
33 Midafternoon, on a sun-dial
34 "Saturday Night Fever" venue
35 Vast expanse
36 Type squares
37 Egyptian cross
38 Honk
39 Sardines container

41 Bygone times
43 Moocher
46 Dirty words
50 Jeans-maker Strauss
51 Unobtrusive
54 Works with
55 Wildebeest
56 Knighted woman
57 Oliver Twist's request
58 — out a living
59 Feed the hogs

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Make a decision and you stand your ground. A new adventure will be a no-win situation. A naive person will be getting ahead.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Snooping and sarcasm will cause problems. Flee when a finicky man gets into a snit. A woman reveals some pleasant news.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Management won't allow you to be too thrilling. An anxious person will be very annoying. When you want something enough, you'll grab it.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Ancient wisdom will come in handy. A missing object is responsible for painful memories. Seek guidance when a relationship causes turmoil.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Somebody's diplomatic tactics will be tested. Only you can manage a visionary idea. An elder will surface after spending time with a friend.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

There'll be happy hours spent with strangers. Your chances of making a fresh start will increase. You'll be flustered when a remark is overheard.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Concentrate on avoiding a stumbling block. You'll attract attention when you take a rest. Make plans to get help when a visitor arrives.

AVATAR VENUS

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A no-win situation will bite the dust. A buddy's loyalty will give you strength. An adversary will get aggravated dealing with a challenge.

SCORPIO

OCT 24- NOV 22

A cynic plans to make a significant move. A woman feels confused by a needy person. A game player just can't be changed.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23- DEC 21

Something confidential will be blurted out. A friend is getting special treatment. Someone will learn from a bad example.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Obey the dictates of your conscience. Set out your talents for the whole world to see. Be polite when asked for your opinion.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Your natural traits will bring in a surprise. Intense moments are shared with a friend. Cherish today and don't worry about tomorrow.

PISCES

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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min Genius

previous day's answer

8	2	3	4	5	6	9	7	1
9	4	1	8	7	2	5	3	6
7	5	6	1	3	9	2	4	8
1	6	2	5	4	7	3	8	9
5	3	9	2	8	1	4	6	7
4	8	7	6	9	3	1	5	2
6	1	4	7	2	5	8	9	3
2	9	8	3	6	4	7	1	5
3	7	5	9	1	8	6	2	4

13-17 min Scholar
17-21 min Smart

21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

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Saturday



Temperature
Normals
High: 20.7°
Low: 11.9°

Records
High: 31.2°/2002
Low: 6.7°/1955

Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.
Sunset: 7:33 p.m.
Moonset: 1:15 a.m.
Moonrise: 5:23 p.m.

Halifax weather

Afternoon



Partly
cloudy.
18°

Tonight



Clear.
9°

Thursday



Sunny.
18° / 9°

Friday



Variable.
18° / 11°



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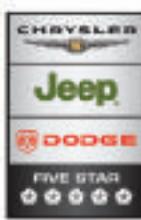
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